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SUBJECT: WCIWY - HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR USDEL

REF: A) STATE 43269; B) MEXICO 1817

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED GOM OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF ASSURING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR WCIWY DELEGATES, AND DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR ACCOMMODATING USDEL: (A) RELYING ON HIS OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, AT PRICES JUST SLIGHTLY UNDER PREVAILING HOTEL RATES, OR (B) MAKING RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH MARIA ISABEL SHERATON, WHERE EMBASSY IS ABLE TO OBTAIN DISCOUNT RATES CONSIDERABLY BELOW THOSE OFFERED BY GOM. OFFICIAL SAID THAT, FROM STANDPOINT OF COORDINATION, HE PREFERRED WE DEAL WITH HOTELS THROUGH HIS OFFICE BUT HE WOULD POSE NO OBJECTIONS TO OUR DEALING DIRECTLY.

2. EMBASSY HAS THEREFORE RESERVED 28 SINGLES AND ONE SUITE AT MARIA ISABEL, FROM NIGHT OF JUNE 17 THROUGH NIGHT OF JULY 2. RATE TO EMBASSY FOR SINGLE ROOMS WILL BE \$24.00 U.S. PER NIGHT AND FOR SUITE \$56.00 PER NIGHT, PLUS 4 PERCENT GOVT. TAX. MARIA ISABEL (AS WELL AS GOM-RESERVED HOTELS) WILL ALSO NEED ONE NIGHT'S ADVANCE DEPOSIT ON EACH ROOM TO PROTECT RESERVATION. MARIA ISABEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT THE "MOST LUXURIOUS" IN TOWN, BUT THEY ARE FAR FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. PRIMARY ADVANTAGE IS HOTEL'S LOCATION ACROSS THE STREET FROM CHANCERY.

3. THE SERATON IS VERY CLOSE TO TOTAL OCCUPANCY FOR JUNE/JULY
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NOW. IN ORDER TO NAIL DOWN MARIA ISABEL RESERVATIONS SECURELY,

EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW THAT DATES ARE SATISFACTORY (CONFERENCE DATES ARE ACTUALLY 6/19 TO 7/2), INASMUCH AS DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED FOR ROOMS FROM FIRST NIGHT OF RESERVATION WHETHER THEY OCCUPY THEM OR NOT (THERE IS GREATER FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO TERMINATION DATE).

4. EMBASSY POUCHING TO IO/OIC: GROSSMAN INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING WCIWY HOUSING FACILITIES OFFERED BY GOM. IF ON EXAMINATION DEPT WISHES ARRANGEMENTS MADE ELSEWHERE THAN AT MARIA ISABEL (AT GOM PRICES), IT SHOULD SO ADVISE EMBASSY URGENTLY. NOTE THAT DISCOUNT AT MARIA ISABEL AVAILABLE ONLY TO OFFICIAL USDEL, NOT TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATES WHO SHOULD BE ADVISED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOM DIRETLY.
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